



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday February 14, 2021

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Embraces the Culturally Marginalized

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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
Kealahou
7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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Today's readings are about forced quarantine. On one level they are about diseases that might be contagious. On another level they are about ritual impurity that was contagious. The Israelites believed that to stand before God in worship, one's body had to be physically intact—no fractures or missing body parts, no open wounds, no oozing body fluids. Skin lesions like those associated with leprosy made one ritually unclean or impure. Fur-

thermore, to touch one with such a disease was to become unclean oneself. The ritual impurity was considered contagious, not necessarily the disease. Unclean people were socially and religiously ostracized. In the Gospel story, Jesus completely neutralized this practice. Touching the leperous and thus unclean man, Jesus not only didn't become unclean himself, but he actually made the man clean again. The issue here is not merely one of healing. It is a matter of reincorporating the marginalized man into society. Unfortunately, out of fear or a sense of superiority, some people ostracize or marginalize entire groups of people. This bias might be based on gender, race, culture, sexual preference—almost anything. In this way the benefits of society are denied to those who are marginalized. One characteristic of Jesus, obvious throughout the Gospel stories, is his allinclusiveness. Jesus rejected no one. He was open to those who society ostracized. He interacted graciously with people with diseases, non-Jews, recognized public sinners, and those working with the Roman occupiers—all people considered ritually unclean. As his disciples, can we do less?

-Sr. Diane Brigant, CSA



FOR REFLECTION

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- ☪ Which groups of people does society tend to ostracize or marginalize?
- ☪ What might be done to reverse this bias?

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean ...
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Psalm: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. **Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11**

Second Reading: Do everything for the glory of God... **1 Cor 10:31—11:1**

Gospel: [Jesus said]...“I do will it. Be made clean.” **Mark 1: 40-45**

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: the PaintedChurchHawaii.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.

SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION -COVID-NEW

Bishop Larry Silva has issued a new directive extending the dispensation for Sunday and Holy Day Mass to **April 1, 2021, Holy Thursday. I would urge all our parishioners who can safely do so to return to worship at Sunday Mass.**" The Bishop also urges anyone who is unable to attend Mass to engage in some form of prayer or worship, especially during the penitential season of Lent.

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 arrange for a visit from a priest or an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Repentance – to humbly and honestly recognize our sins and failures; **Contrition** – to be really sorry for hurting God and others because of our sins; **Penance** – to concretely show in our thoughts, words and actions our 'yes' to God and our 'no' to evil. In Confession we receive **Ab-solution** – our sins are forgiven by God through Jesus in the ministry of the priest, and therefore, we are once more reconciled with God and one another, the Church.

LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASSES

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu

Sunday: 10am (Bishop Silva) Mon—Sat: 12pm

<https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

St. Michael 9am English and 11am Spanish:

www.facebook.com/onecatholicohana/live or

YouTube channel: bit.ly/stmichaelkonayoutube

WEEKLY GUIDE FOR DAILY PRAYER

This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our "enemies." What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the background about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's **Online Ministries** web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>
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"Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity."

-St. Thomas Aquinas



PRAYER

MARY, MOST PURE

O Lord Jesus Christ, who has said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you". Grant us, we ask you, so to copy in our lives the holy virtues of your blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven, that through her glorious intercessions with you, we may attain the place prepared for us in your kingdom from the foundation of the world. Amen.



PRAYER FOR HEALING

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...

Alex Cadang, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Elizabeth Awa, Ruby Ann Kaho'onei, Johnny Koene, Tony Dias, Robin Crusat, Charles Tripoli, Danny Burgess Jr., Helen Doria, Linda Adkins, DeeDee Tripoli, Guy Miranda, Venancio Mendoza, Keiki San Filippo, Michael Suber, Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs. ***Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



"Nothing great is ever achieved without enduring much."

-St. Catherine of Siena

PRAYER

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.

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

CALENDAR

Monday FEBRUARY 15 Weekday Gn 4:1-15, 25 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday FEBRUARY 16 Weekday Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday FEBRUARY 17 Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday FEBRUARY 18 Thursday after Ash Wednesday Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Friday FEBRUARY 19 Friday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

Saturday FEBRUARY 20 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday FEBRUARY 21 First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15YYYY 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15



"He will find there in much greater abundance things that are to be found nowhere else, but can be learnt only in the wonderful sublimity and wonderful simplicity of the Scriptures."

-Saint Augustine, Father and Doctor of the Church,



Lenten

Treasure Hunt #1

1. Where do churches usually get the ashes that they distribute on Ash Wednesday?
2. Ashes are a _____, not a sacrament.
3. What **Psalm** says “Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin?”
4. **What day** of the week is not included in the 40 days of Lent?
5. What is the EARLIEST day in February that Ash Wednesday has occurred? Name one year that this happened. *[There were only four years in history.]*

Write your answers to this week’s treasure hunt on a piece of paper and bring them to Mass. Or, email your answers to the church. [Please include your name.]

Last week’s answers: 1. Peter (Simon Peter); 2. healing; 3. she got up and waited on them; 4. Before dawn; 5. James 5:11

SAINT OF THE WEEK- FRA ANGELICO
c. 1400 – 1445 Feast Day February 18th



Fra Giovanni da Fiesole, known as Blessed Fra Angelico, was an early Renaissance painter. After joining the Dominicans in 1420, he began illustrating manuscripts and choir books, beginning each new work with a prayer. His religious altarpieces, paintings and

frescoes exploited color for spatial and emotional effect. Fra Angelico, meaning “angelic brother,” decorated an entire Florentine monastery and two Roman chapels. Notable works include his “Annunciation” and “Descent from the Cross.” He declined an appointment as archbishop of Florence and was officially beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1982. Art students often leave written prayers near his tomb in the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome. He is patron of artists.



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At Mass on holy days of obligation, there’s a fair crowd. But on Ash Wednesday, not a holy day, the place is packed. Your explanation? Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well, but it’s “standing room only” on Ash Wednesday. Although not a day of obligation, perhaps it’s considered a “holy” day by most Catholics. There’s something elemental about the smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. No matter our walk of life or social status, we want that sooty cross. It’s a badge of identification, graphically reminding Catholics that it’s “spiritual gut-check” time. It jogs us from our routines, spurring us to the important reality of being who we are supposed to be—fully and totally Christian. It’s as if we are saying, “I’m Catholic and proud of it. I may not be the best or greatest. I have faults and sins, but I’m not a bad person. I know deep down that being Christian is the way to live, and I’m going to try again.” Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, the Church’s special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—a people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people. As we celebrate Christ’s passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

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SERVICE

MAHALO FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP!!

This week we want to thank Bruce Hashimoto for working on the “Stations” crosses at St. Benedict, and also thank you to Hano Grace for providing the wood.

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 each month. Next open for food distribution on **February 26, 2021**. Mahalo to those who keep this ministry going during these difficult times.