



St. Benedict Catholic Church

Sunday March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

You Decide

We normally take great pride in making our own decisions. When we did this as children, it was a sign that we were growing up; as adolescents, it was a proclamation of independence. Now as adults, when making decisions we demonstrate that we are self-directed. The problem doesn't seem to lie in decision-making itself but in the options given to us that require a decision. And there is the rub. Often these are options not of our choosing. This can make decision-making very difficult. Today's Gospel is all about making decisions. Options are placed before us. We either choose Jesus and the extraordinary way of life that he has outlined for us, or we go along with the movements of society. This could include making money at any cost, denying hospitality to those who knock on our door, harboring an attitude of superiority over others. We either choose to live in the light with the insights that our faith provides, or we simply accept the values that bombard us each day through the media, namely: Me first. What's mine is mine. What's in it for me? Not in my back yard. If we look carefully, we will realize that the way of life Jesus promotes is based on the dignity of each person, who is made in the image and likeness of God. Actions that dismiss, demean, damage, or destroy human life are contrary to the teaching, life, and example of Jesus. Accepting his way brings forth a new society called "the reign of God." rejecting it will undermine the foundations of the society we have. Which will it be? You decide!



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WEEKEND MASSES
St. Benedict Hall, Honaunau
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m.
Sunday 10:00 a.m.
St. John the Baptist
Saturday 6:00 p.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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FOR REFLECTION

- ☪ *How might you have compromised your religious values in order to get by in life?*
- ☪ *Might God be asking you to choose something new?*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: ...But they mocked the messengers of God... until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy.

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you. **Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6**

Second Reading: For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; **Eph 2:4-10**

Gospel: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son... **Jn 3:14-21**

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 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.

FROM BISHOP LARRY SILVA:
EFFECTIVE EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4 (or as of the Easter Vigil, April 3), I am ending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass, which has been in effect since mid-March, 2020. However, anyone who is sick, may have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, or who has a health condition that would endanger themselves or others by being present in church, continues to be dispensed.

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.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples, said "Take and eat; this is my body."
Mt 26:26

Since Christ Himself said, "This is my body", who shall dare to doubt that it is His body?
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

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

DAILY INSPIRATION FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

Fourth Sunday of Lent The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means "rejoice" and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Monday March 15 "In every act we do, in every step we take, let our hand trace the Lord's cross." (St. Jerome, Letters, 22.37)

Tuesday March 16 "A clean heart create for me, O God / and a steadfast spirit renew within me." (Ps 51:12, Lectionary)

Wednesday March 17 Today is the memorial of St. Patrick, the "apostle to Ireland"! He wrote, "Our way to repay God is to exalt him and confess his wonders before every nation under heaven." (St. Patrick, Confession, 3)

Thursday March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem honored today was known for his "Catechetical Instructions." Give thanks for the catechists in your community and all they do to educate children and adults alike.

Friday March 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph. In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

Saturday March 20 Today is the first day of spring! "Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us." (Pope Francis, Laudato Si', no. 160)
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FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL

**** IF YOU FEEL SICK PLEASE STAY HOME! ****

WE MUST CONTINUE TO:

1-WEAR MASK

2-SOCIAL DISTANCE –SIX FEET

3-SANITIZE OUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING OUR HALL CHAPEL

4-SANITIZE YOUR SEATING AREAS BEFORE LEAVING



PRAYER

DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

O Mary, Mother of love, sorrow and mercy, we beg you to unite your prayers with ours so that Jesus, your Divine Son to Whom we turn, may hear our petitions in the name of your maternal tears and may give us in addition to the favors we ask, the crown of everlasting life. Oh Sorrowful Mother, destroy the Kingdom of Satan with your Holy Tears. Oh Jesus bound and chained, through your Divine Humility, defend the world from the errors that threaten it. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we lift up all those who are facing various illnesses. Give them the hope and courage they need today and every day. Comfort their pain,

calm their fears, grant them healing, according to Your will. Keep them in Your loving care, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.

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

Poli Olorvida, Ronald Pegelow, 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.



"God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world." -C.S. Lewis

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 MARCH 15 Lenten Weekday Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday MARCH 16 Lenten Weekday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday MARCH 17 Lenten Weekday Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday MARCH 18 Lenten Weekday Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

Friday MARCH 19 St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday MARCH 20 Lenten Weekday Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday MARCH 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent Jer 31:31-34 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33



Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 25:5



Lenten
Treasure Hunt
#5
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

1. What stopped Joseph from “divorcing Mary quietly”?
2. Joseph was a descendent of the House of _____.
3. St. Joseph is most often shown holding a _____ which is a sign of his _____.
4. T/F? St. Joseph has more than one feast day.
5. Pope Francis started a unique way for Catholics to practice their devotion to St. Joseph. What was it?

Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt:

The Stations of the Cross

1. Crucifixion; **2.** Simon of Cyrene, Veronica, & Joseph of Arimathea; **3.** Pontius Pilate, Mary; **4.** 3; **5.** Via Dolorosa

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.]

SAINT OF THE WEEK—ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.
Solemnity—March 19

The spouse of Mary the mother of Jesus and the legal father of Jesus according to Jewish law, Joseph is a model of humility and obedience to God’s will. He followed God’s instructions, given by angels in dreams, and took the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife, protected her and Jesus at the child’s birth in Bethlehem through the family’s sojourn in Egypt, and provided for them as a carpenter in Nazareth. This feast, which was celebrated locally as early as the ninth century, became a universal feast in the fifteenth century, when it was placed on the liturgical calendar. Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church in 1870; he is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying, and workers.

“Being a guardian is the distinctive trait of Joseph: Being the guardian is his great mission . . . We look to Joseph as the model educator, who watches over and accompanies Jesus as he grows ‘in wisdom, age and grace,’ as the Gospel says. He was not Jesus’ father: the father of Jesus was God, but he was a father to Jesus, he was a father to Jesus in order to help him grow. And how did he help him grow? In wisdom, age and grace.” —Pope Francis, March 19, 2014

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Dear Padre,

My friend’s parish is having a St. Joseph’s Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need. Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage. Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it’s a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one’s faith and charity in its execution.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS...

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness! *Solemnity of St. Joseph, March 19, 2013*



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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 each month. Next open for food distribution on **March 26, 2021**. Mahalo to those who continue to serve.

MAHALO FOR THE FRUIT!

Thank you Jesse & Jocelyn Lomongo for bringing a wide array of fruits for our hale. The visitors love it! We can always use donations of fruits and veggies from all of our parishioners as well!