



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Sunday March 21, 2021

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### Do I Have to Die?

Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us— there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die. Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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**"We need not fear death, but rather welcome it as the door to heaven and to the joy of eternal life."**

**-Pope Francis - 11/27/2013**

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
Kealahou

#### 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**  
**Kealahou**  
**7:00 a.m. Wednesday**

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#### FOR REFLECTION

☪ *Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.*

☪ *The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.*

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts **Jer 31:31-34**

**Psalms:** Create a clean heart in me, O God. **Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

**Second Reading:** Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; **Heb 5:7-9**

**Gospel:** "...Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." **Jn 12:20-33**

**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.

**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.

*"It is so hard to admit that one is a sinner;  
It is so hard to climb the hill of Calvary  
and kneel beneath a cross and ask for pardon,  
forgiveness.*

*Certainly it is hard.*

*But it is harder to hang there."*

*~Archbishop Fulton Sheen~*

### LIVE STREAMING ONLINE MASS

Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace—Oahu

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

5pm. <https://www.facebook.com/HonoluluCathedralBasilica/live>

### DAILY INSPIRATION FOR YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** As we journey with Jesus towards Holy Week, remember all those in our world today who carry heavy crosses of poverty, homelessness, and hunger.

**Monday March 22** Why is the Lenten season forty days long? In the Bible, forty is typically indicative of a time of testing, trial, penance, purification, and renewal.

**Tuesday March 23** Today, we mark the memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, a Spanish born evangelizer who was sent as a missionary to Peru and opened the first seminary in the New World. In his honor, pray for vocations.

**Wednesday March 24** "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again." (Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, no. 123)

**Thursday March 25** Today is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, celebrating the incarnation of Christ in Mary's womb. Take time to pray the Hail Mary, taken in part from the angel's words to Mary. "Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again." (Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, no. 123)

**Friday March 26** "Forgiveness first sets free the person who had the courage to grant it." (Pope Benedict XVI, Address, May 6, 2006)

**Saturday March 27** "My dwelling shall be with them; / I will be their God, and they shall be my people." (Ez 37:27, Lectionary)

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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

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**DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Vatican II documents tell us that Mary “faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross, where she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, grieving exceedingly with her only begotten Son, uniting herself with a maternal heart with His sacrifice, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth” (Lumen Gentium, No. 58). Lent, along with the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, (September 15) is a special time for venerating Mary as our sorrowful mother.



**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, 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, Eddie Navas, Dottie Combs.

\*\*\*Call the office to add your loved one or yourself to the list of those needing prayer.



**“Suffering without Christ is painful. Suffering with Christ is redemptive and will transform the world.”**

**-Fr. Mike Schmitz**

*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



**“I would give up my life a thousand times, not only for each of the truths of Sacred Scripture, but even more for the least of the ceremonies of the Catholic Church.”**

-Saint Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church.



**Important Figures  
In Our Lenten  
Journey  
Treasure Hunt  
#6**

1. **Who** was Jesus speaking to when he said, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam”?
2. On the occasion of her \_\_\_\_\_, the Angel Gabriel said, “Do not be afraid for you have found favor with God.” **Who is she?**
3. **Who** foretold, “The Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel”?
4. **Who** said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died”?
5. **How long** was Lazarus dead before Jesus brought him back to life?

**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.]**

**Answers to last week’s Treasure Hunt:**

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**1.** a dream in which he was visited by an angel; **2.** David; **3.** lily / purity; **4.** T (true) Via Dolorosa **5.** statue of sleeping St. Joseph (put a slip of petitions under the statue so that St. Joseph can “sleep on it.”)

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD-MARCH 25**



Until the year 1752 (when the Julian calendar was adopted), the new year was observed on “Lady Day,” or March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. The first authentic references to the feast of the Annunciation are in a canon of the council of Toledo (656), and another from the

council of Constantinople (in 692), forbidding the celebration of all festivals in Lent, excepting the Lord’s day and the Feast of the Annunciation. A synod held at Worcester, England (1240), forbade all servile work on this feast day. For Catholics, the theological importance of the Annunciation is it’s marking of the beginning of the fulfillment of God’s promises and preparations (CCC 484). Mary’s assent to the angel’s announcement was the beginning of Christ’s Incarnation; God’s coming into the world, fully human, born as we are born, with a grace-filled human mother. Although the feast of the Annunciation is no longer the beginning of our year, we remember each year that it was the beginning of Christ’s coming for our salvation. Reprinted (excerpted) from Catholic Current, copyright © [year of original publication], United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

*Dear Padre,*

**I’m a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?**

“Those who die in God’s grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote “certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come” (see Dialogues 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18. Because Catholics believe we’re in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ. Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they’re currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November. Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR  
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**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

By visiting the tombs of our loved ones we remember that we have a multitude of saints who before God intercede for our needs. Let us not forget, however, that so many deceased also await our spiritual support. Let us remember them in our prayers...asking that they be welcomed into the ranks of the elect in heaven.

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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 to all who share their abundance of fruit with our Painted Church visitors. We can always use more donations.