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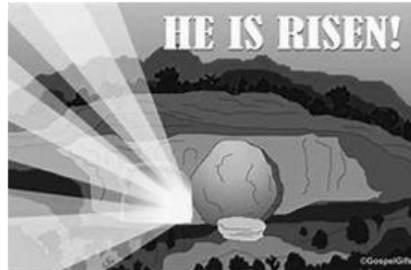
Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

Seeing Is Believing

April 4, 2021

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But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resur-

rection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn’t fit well. In today’s first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it when the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. (John 20:8) Or was it touch, as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn’t to say that the revelations weren’t real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human. Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

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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

☪ *Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?*

☪ *The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.*

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading: “...everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.” [Acts 10:34a, 37-43](#)

Psalms: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. [118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23](#)

Second Reading: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? [1 Cor 5:6b-8](#)

Gospel: “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” [Jn 20:1-9](#)

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.



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>

BREAK OPEN THE TOMB

Lord of Easter's Promise, I live in faith of the Resurrection, but such is the nature of my faith, that so much of me remains entombed. Break open the tomb.

Where I've buried my compassion, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my sense of mercy, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my humility, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my humanity, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my love for my Heavenly Father, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my sense of joy, break open the tomb. Where I've buried my willingness to forgive, break open the tomb.

Lord, in you I've found a Savior no grave can withstand. Help me to roll away this stone and find the miracle of new life. That I may live more fully in your saving grace. Amen.

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OUR PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES...

...for the family of Henry Gandalera, who passed away on February 17, 2021. The funeral Mass was held on March 27, 2021 at St. Benedict Chapel and his ashes were interred with his parents at St. Benedict Cemetery.



*All the Holy Souls...
Pray for Us as We Pray for You*

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

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia,
For he whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he foretold, alleluia,
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has indeed risen, alleluia.

God, our Father, you give joy to the world by the
resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.
Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary,
bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Watch, O Lord, with those who
wake, or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over
those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.
Rest your weary ones.
Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones.
Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones.
And for all your love's sake. Amen.

-Saint Augustine-

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

Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Bill Myers, Gary Whitaker,
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.

"The Cross will not crush you; if its weight makes
you stagger, its power will also sustain you."

-Padre Pio

PRAYER

An Act of
Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are pre-
sent 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 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!

CALENDAR

Monday APRIL 5 Octave of
Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt
28:8-15

Tuesday APRIL 6 Octave of
Easter Acts 2:36-41 Jn
20:11-18

Wednesday APRIL 7 Octave
of Easter Acts 3:1-10 Lk
24:13-35

Thursday APRIL 8 Octave of
Easter Acts 3:11-26 Lk
24:35-48

Friday APRIL 9 Octave of
Easter Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-
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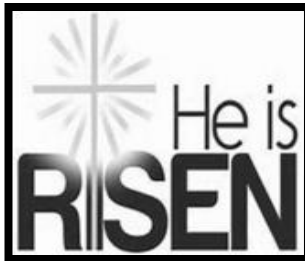
Saturday APRIL 10 Octave
of Easter Acts 4:13-21 Mk
16:9-15

Sunday APRIL 11 Second
Sunday of Easter (Sunday
of Divine Mercy) Acts 4:32-
35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-3



"Holy Scripture is the
table of Christ, from
whence we are
nourished, from
whence we learn
what we should love
and what we should
desire, to whom we
should have our eyes
raised."

-Blessed Alcuin-



Easter Sunday
Treasure Hunt

1. In John’s gospel, who was the **first person** to discover that Jesus’ tomb was empty?
2. Which of Jesus’ disciples understood the **SPIRITUAL MEANING** of the empty tomb?
3. **T / F?** The Risen Jesus ate and drank with His disciples (called “witnesses”).
4. God’s four-part plan for salvation is known as the _____.
5. What **THREE (3)** Sacraments of Initiation are performed during the Easter Vigil?

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:
Important Figures in our Lenten Journey
1. The Blind Man; **2.** Annunciation / Mary;
3. Prophet Isaiah; **4.** Martha; **5.** 4 days

SAINT OF THE WEEK—Feast Day, April 10

ST. MAGDALEN CANOSSA 1774-1835



This foundress, born to a noble family in Verona, Italy, lost her father at age 5 and was abandoned by her mother when she remarried. Choosing religious life over an advantageous marriage, Magdalen first joined the Carmelites, but left when she

saw that their strict rules of enclosure would prohibit her charitable works. She began a new community, the Canossian Daughters of Charity, in 1799 by bringing two poor girls into her own home. The institute spread throughout Italy, and Magdalen helped fo

und an order of priests and a third order for laypeople. Canossians minister today in Italy, Latin America and the Philippines. Magdalen, who was canonized in 1988, famously said, “Those who love are never tired, since love knows no burden.”



Why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not?

We ring bells because they make a beautiful sound for the Lord and for our ears. They signal something important; they bring us comfort in sorrow, and they double our joy. The official name for the bell ringing is tintinnabulation. As with many practices, tintinnabulation is present in many traditions worldwide. It’s a beautiful way to focus the mind and heart, lifting the soul to God. I’ll never forget the stirring sunrise tintinnabulation at Assisi on Easter Sunday. Catholics ring bells at the Eucharist, during the singing of the Gloria on Holy Thursday and at the Easter Vigil, at the showing of the consecrated bread and wine and, in some places, at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts and the Communion procession. We also ring bells to mark the morning, noon, and evening hours, at which times devotion recalls the Incarnation of Christ and the praying of the Angelus. Bells are rung to assemble the community for prayer and festivities. At weddings and funerals, bells declare that something important is happening—an event to be surrounded by beautiful sound. But why do some churches use bells during the consecration and others do not? The books of the revised liturgy give an option, so some parish leaders choose to ring bells and others do not. However, in the Latin Mass, there is no option—the bells must be rung at set times.

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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 **Friday, April 9, 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.

“A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world. It was a perfect act.” -Mahatma Gandhi