



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Second Sunday of Easter

### Sunday of Divine Mercy

I Want Proof

April 11, 2021

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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.**  
**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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Who doesn't? It's not simply that we are children of the scientific age in which proof is essential. Concrete evidence gives us a sense of security; it helps us understand how things work. Even in ordinary human relationships, we want proof. A tune from My Fair Lady demands: "Don't talk of love...show me." It's very difficult to live without a certain degree of surety. Consequently, we should not be surprised at Thomas' insistence: "I want proof." Thomas is often described as lacking faith. This isn't the full story. The reason the other disciples believed was because they had an experience of the risen Lord. Before that experience they were hiding behind locked doors. Thomas was absent; we are not told why. Whatever the reason, he also wanted an experience of the risen Lord. He was not content to base his believing on their word alone. In a sense, more was being asked of Thomas than the others. Thomas is the patron of all of us whose faith in the risen Lord is based on the word of others rather than on our own unique revelatory experience. Who of us



wouldn't want some mystical experience? We are called to believe without seeing. Yet, this isn't strictly true—we can see evidence of the resurrection. The best proof is evident in the lives of millions of people who commit themselves to God and who strive to live with integrity.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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***FOR REFLECTION***

☪ *Who are the people who taught you your faith and who live it themselves? Thank God for them.*

☪ *Who looks to you as an example of one who believes that Christ is alive today?*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. **Acts 4:32-35**

**Psalm:** Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. **118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23**

**Second Reading:** For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. **1 Jn 5:1-6**

**Gospel:** "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **Jn 20:19-31**

**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.

Often Jesus asks the sick to believe. He makes use of signs to heal: spittle and the laying on of hands, mud and washing. The sick try to touch him, "for power came forth from him and healed them all." And so in the sacraments Christ continues to "touch" us in order to heal us. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1504)



### 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>

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

**Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of our universe, and the mystery of each human life.**

**We praise you and we thank you for your tender, faithful love.**

**Everything we are and everything we have is your gift.**

**After having created us, you have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Fill our minds with his truth and our hearts with his love, that in his spirit we may be bonded together in a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people.**

**In the name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talent, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus. Amen.**

**CELEBRATING**  
**THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH**  
**Saint Joseph and the Christ Child – (Cuzco School)**  
**c. 17th century**

In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, as Christianity spread throughout the West, Jesuits started the first school to teach European art to the people of the Inca Empire, in Peru.



### **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, a terrible sword has pierced Your holy soul. Except for God, no one knows of your suffering. Your soul does not break; it is brave, because it is with Jesus. Sweet Mother, unite my soul to Jesus, because it is only then that I will be able to endure all trials and tribulations, and only in union with Jesus will my little sacrifices be pleasing to God. Sweetest Mother, continue to teach me about the interior life. May the sword of suffering never break me. O pure Virgin, pour courage into my heart and guard it.

(From the Diary of St. Faustina Kowalska, Note 915)



**PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

*Jesus, may Your pure and healthy blood circulate in my ailing organism, and may Your pure and healthy body transform my weak*

*body, and may a healthy and vigorous life throb within me, if it is truly Your holy will that I should set about the work in question; and this will be a clear sign of Your holy will for me.*

(From the Diary of St. Faustina –Note 1089)

**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.

**“...for I, the Lord, am your healer.”**

Exodus 15:26

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** APRIL 12 Easter Weekday Acts 4:23–31 Jn 3:1–8

**Tuesday** APRIL 13 Easter Weekday Acts 4:32–37 Jn 3:7b–15

**Wednesday** APRIL 14 Easter Weekday Acts 5:17–26 Jn 3:16–21

**Thursday** APRIL 15 Easter Weekday Acts 5:27–33 Jn 3:31–36 Friday APRIL 16 Easter Weekday Acts 5:34–42 Jn 6:1–15

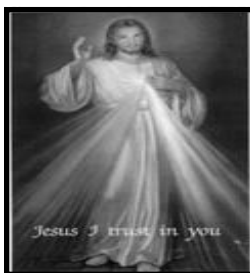
**Saturday** APRIL 17 Easter Weekday Acts 6:1–7 Jn 6:16–21

**Sunday** APRIL 18 Third Sunday of Easter Acts 3:13–15, 17–19 1 Jn 2:1–5a Lk 24:35–48



*Sacred Scripture is set up as a kind of lantern for us in the night of life.*

–St. Gregory the Great



**Divine Mercy Sunday  
& Doubting Thomas  
Treasure Hunt**

1. **Who** received 14 revelations in the 1930's that Our Lord wanted the Church to establish a feast in honor of His mercy?
2. **Which Pope** announced this feast and on **what date** was his announcement made?
3. What **grace** did Jesus promise to those who observed Divine Mercy Sunday?
4. Why **didn't** Thomas believe the disciples account of having seen the Risen Lord?
5. **What** was Thomas' **response** when Jesus invited him to put his hand into Jesus' side?

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:  
Easter Sunday**

1. Mary of Magdala; 2. His Beloved Disciple (John); 3. T (True); 4. Paschal Mystery; 5. Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist

**SAINT OF THE WEEK—Feast Day, April 16  
ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS 1844-1879**



As a child in a poor French family in the Hautes-Pyrenees town of Lourdes, Bernadette suffered both asthma and cholera. Uneducated, she had not made her first Communion by 1858, the year she experienced 18 visions of a beautiful lady calling herself the Immaculate

Conception and calling for penance and pilgrimage. Bernadette was unchanged by this extraordinary experience, and in 1866 became a member of the Sisters of Charity, taking the name Maria-Bernarda. Chronically ill after 1875 with worsening asthma and tuberculosis of the bones, she died at age 35. When she was canonized in 1933, it was not for being the Lourdes visionary, but for her simple life of prayer, devotion and obedience.

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**I get a lot of questions from Protestant friends about the Catholic "obsession" (as they put it) with Mary.**

What should I say to them? A convert to Catholicism tells the story of a dinner he had with a friend who had a very evangelical outlook. As they talked about the new Catholic's decision to convert, the friend asked hesitantly, "What do you think about Mary?" The new Catholic smiled and said, "I think she's wonderful, don't you?" The friend responded with an embarrassed "Yes, but...." If Catholics and Protestants can begin with this premise—that Mary is wonderful— it might be possible to step back and consider why. Mary is an extraordinary human being who holds a special place in the Christian faith for two reasons: first, it was through her that God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ; and second, she was the first to believe in Jesus' mission and ministry. All Catholic doctrine about Mary refers to two special relationships. She has a special relationship with God because she bore the "God- man" in her womb. She also has a special relationship with us because she was the first Christian.

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**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**



The disciples had abandoned the Lord at his passion and felt guilty. But meeting them, Jesus did not give a long sermon. To them, who were wounded within, he shows his own wounds. Thomas can now touch them and know of Jesus' love and

how much Jesus had suffered for him, even though he had abandoned him.

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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 23, 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.