



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### April 25, 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**

**PASTOR**

**Rev. Siegfred Dodos**

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**Edwina Fujimoto**

**YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT**

**Edwina Fujimoto**

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**Ariel Hadap**

**FOOD PANTRY**

**Francisco and Debra Javar**



**THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

For many of us, our only connection with sheep is with the cuddly white creatures found on holy cards. However, that image strays from the facts. Sheep are not household animals. They live outdoors; they lie down in grass, dirt, and mud. Furthermore, unlike many other animals, sheep cannot clean themselves. I'm not denigrating sheep, just putting aside any fanciful view of their nature. Raising sheep was an important occupation in the ancient world. In fact, the royalty's governance of people was often described as shepherding. David was told: "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5:2). Later, when the royalty

were not faithful to this charge, God declared: "I myself will pasture my sheep" (Ezekiel 34:15). This startling characterization of God became a characterization of Jesus. Grime and animal smells, the blood of births and deaths, inclement weather, and the threat of predators mark the life of a committed shepherd. Human comfort was secondary to the needs of the sheep. Sheep actually learn to recognize the voice of the one who feeds them, cares for them, protects them. The shepherd's voice seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine. As "the good shepherd," Jesus is totally committed to us, his sheep. He attends to our needs, willing to risk his own security in order to save us. His care for us seems to say: I am here for you, because you are mine

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

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***FOR REFLECTION***

☪ *Is Christ really your shepherd? Do you listen to his voice?*

☪ *Do you rely on Christ's protection, even when you don't seem to feel it?*

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**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** ...In his name this man stands before you healed. **Acts 4:8-12**

**Psalm:** The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. **118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29**

**Second Reading:** See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God... **1 Jn 3:1-2**

**Gospel:** Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd." **Jn 10:11-18**

**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**, 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.

**Marriage** ...Christ the Lord raised marriage between the baptized to the dignity of a sacrament (cf. CIC, can. 1055). The sacrament of Matrimony signifies the union of Christ and the Church. It gives spouses the grace to love each other with the love with which Christ has loved his Church; the grace of the sacrament thus perfects the human love of the spouses, strengthens their indissoluble unity, and sanctifies them on the way to eternal life (cf. Council of Trent: DS 1799) Catechism of the Catholic Church. 1660-1661

### 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>

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest,

**Bless** young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

**Inspire** all of your disciples to mutual love and giving—for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

**Instill** those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

**Unite** us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen.

- Pope Francis

### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

December 8, 2020—December 8, 2021

### ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER— Feast Day May 1<sup>st</sup>

"Human work, and especially manual labor, receive special prominence in the Gospel... At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption." -



- Pope St. John Paul II

### **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



Make time to Pray the Rosary Daily



PRAYER FOR HEALING

Think, O' God, of our loved ones who are ill, whom we now commend to Your compassionate regard.

Comfort them upon their sickbed, and ease their suffering. We beg for deliverance, and believe that no healing is too hard if it be Your will.

We therefore pray that You bless our loved ones with Your loving care, renew their strength, and heal what ails them in Your loving name.

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

Tamayo Hanato, Francisco Javar, 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.



He gives strength to the fainting; for the weak he makes vigor abound. Isaiah 40:29

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 26 Easter Weekday Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday APRIL 27 Easter Weekday Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday APRIL 28 Easter Weekday Acts 12:24-13:5a Jn 12:44-50

Thursday APRIL 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20

Friday APRIL 30 Easter Weekday Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6

Saturday MAY 1 Easter Weekday Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday MAY 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8



"Is not My word like fire?" declares the Lord, "and like a hammer which shatters a rock?"

Jeremiah 23:29



**Good Shepherd  
Sunday**

**Treasure Hunt**

1. According to Jesus, “A good shepherd \_\_\_\_\_ .”
2. Jesus has “other sheep” that do not yet belong to His fold, but will \_\_\_\_\_ and come to Him.
3. According to Genesis 4:2, **who** was the FIRST shepherd?
4. **Who** wrote Psalm 23, “The Lord is My Shepherd”?
5. In John 21:15-17, **who** did Jesus command to “Feed my lambs”?

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:**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**  
 1. T (true); 2. Jesus says “Peace be with you,” and shows them His wounds; 3. The Last Supper; 4. He opened their minds.; 5. Jerusalem

**SAINT OF THE WEEK—Feast Day, April 29  
ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA 1347—1380**

Catherine was the 24th of 25 children of a Sienese dyer; her mystical experiences and raptures began at age 6. She refused to marry, and about 1367 joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. She attracted



a like-minded group in Siena for prayer and good works and devoted her last five years to church unity and ending the scandal of rival papacies. Though she experi-

enced the pain of the stigmata, it became visible only after her death at 33. And, in an odd division of relics, her body is in a Roman church, while her head is in a Sienese church. Named a doctor of the church in 1970, Catherine is a patron saint of Europe and Italy, and the patron of fire prevention, nurses and nursing.

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**Am I sinning when I work or shop on Sunday?**

Biblical tradition states that the Sabbath is the day that God rested from the labors of creation. Sunday is also the day we commemorate Christ’s resurrection from the dead and the inauguration of the new creation. We rightly refer to Sunday, then, as the Lord’s day. This being so, it’s important that we do everything possible to keep the Lord’s day holy and ensure that we reserve adequate time on Sunday for worship, rest, and recreation. Today, many activities, social services, and family needs require some people to work on Sundays. In fact, many people have only the weekends to do the errands and activities that sustain their families. Our participation in such activities and services is not a sin, nor does it mean that those who do need to work cannot find an appropriate way to sanctify the Lord’s day and allow time for the worship, rest, and renewal that are proper to the day. Even so, we must guard against treating the Lord’s day as just another work-day, or a continuation of our Saturday shopping spree. Remember that the primary focus on Sunday should be participating in the Mass and growing our relationship with the Lord.

Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR

For more information on this topic, see paragraphs 2184 through 2195 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

True rest is not simple, because there is false rest and true rest....Man has never rested as much as today, yet man has never experienced as much emptiness as today! Opportunities to amuse oneself, to go out, cruises, travels; but many things do not give you fullness of heart. Indeed, they do not give you rest.



GENERAL AUDIENCE, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

**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, May 14, 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.