



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

May 2, 2021

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### In or Not at All

The little word ‘in’ appears eleven times in the Greek text of today’s short passage from John’s Gospel (ten times in most translations), and it has the same meaning in all cases. It refers to an intimate relationship: We are in Christ; Christ is in us. This being in does not mean “inside,” like being in a room or in a country. It means being an intimate aspect of something, like the relationship of a branch to the vine. Perhaps a way of understanding this intimacy is to remember that the branch cannot exist by itself, and there is no vine if there are no branches. We cannot be partially in. We are either in or out. If we want to live and thrive, we must cherish and protect our relationship with Christ, who is our source of life and nourishment. Otherwise we risk being nothing more than dead branches, the usefulness of which is mere fodder for the fire. This sounds [Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit.” John 15:5] like a harsh punishment. However, it is not really punishment. Rather, it is the inevitable consequence of cutting ourselves off from our supply of life-giving nourishment. Furthermore, being cut off does not happen accidentally; we choose it deliberately. Finally, this metaphor of vines and branches is an image of the Church. Though each of us, by grace, is “in Christ,” our source of life, the risen life of Christ surges through members of his body. Thus, when we are united to Christ by grace, we live in him as Christ lives in all of us.

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### FOR REFLECTION

- ☞ Think for a moment of the ways Christ lives in you.
- ☞ Now think of how you might live in Christ.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading:**...and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers. **Acts 9:26-31**  
**Psalm:** I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. **22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32**  
**Second Reading:** Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask... **1 Jn 3:18-24**  
**Gospel:** Jesus said, “I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower.” **Jn 15:1-8**

**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.**

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**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
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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**  
 Kealahou

7:00 a.m. Wednesday

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## 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.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION- -Live by the Spirit!**

"Remember, then, that you received a spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear. Keep safe what you received. God the Father sealed you, Christ the Lord strengthened you and sent the Spirit into your hearts as the pledge of what is to come."

—St. Ambrose

### 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 (Guardian of the Child Jesus)



"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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### **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

MAY, THE MONTH TO HONOR MARY



Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your Mother." John 19:27

Pray the Rosary Daily

Holy Mother of God pray for us

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Heavenly Father, we stand before you in Your abundant grace and mercy. It is only by Your holy will that we're here today to offer this prayer, and by Your grace, we have peace of mind that you will answer us. Oh Lord, we pray for all of the sick and dying, that You be with them in health, in illness and for all eternity. Keep their souls within Your sight, and take their hands in Yours as a father would. Lord God, be with them in all their goals of life. In your heavenly dwelling, nurture their souls for all eternity. We thank You for safeguarding them in this world and continuing to do so in the next. Amen.



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

Gloria Grapa, Francisco Javar, Tamayo Hanato, Cheryl Ono, Mary Bunao, Bill Myers, Gary Whitaker, Alex Cadang, Linda Laskow, Caroline Smith, Liam Jones (age two), Hilda Sebastian, Stephen Texeira, Dorothy Kelepolo, Tony Dias, 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.



"Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise" - Jeremiah's 17:14

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 MAY 3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles 1 Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday MAY 4 Easter Weekday Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday MAY 5 Easter Weekday Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday MAY 6 Easter Weekday Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11

Friday MAY 7 Easter Weekday Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday MAY 8 Easter Weekday Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21 Sunday MAY 9 Sixth

Fifth Sunday of Easter Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 A WORD FROM Pope Francis Jn 15:9-17



My son, to my words be attentive, to my sayings incline your ear; Let them not slip out of your sight, keep them within your heart; For they are life to those who find them, to man's whole being they are health.

Proverbs 4:20-22



**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Jesus, the True Vine  
Treasure Hunt**

1. The Gospel of John does **not** include any of Jesus' parables. Give one reason why not. [HINT: there are several reasons.]
2. **Who** is the vine grower in the vineyard?
3. **Where** must a branch 'remain' in order to bear fruit?
4. Being "pruned" makes a branch (us) more capable of bearing fruit. Jesus tells us that we are 'already pruned' because of His \_\_\_\_\_ to us.
5. How many Fruits of the Holy Spirit do we receive through the Sacrament of Confirmation?

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**

**Good Shepherd Sunday**

1. lays down his life; 2. hear his voice; 3. Abel; 4. David;
5. Peter

**SAINT OF THE WEEK—Feast Day, May 7  
ST. ROSE VENERINI 1656-1728**

Born in Viterbo, Italy, Rose entered a convent after her fiance died, but soon returned home to care for her widowed mother. She chose to be a teacher rather than a contemplative, and opened a free school for girls in 1685. In 1692, the bishop of an Italian diocese asked her to train teachers and administer the schools there. She and St. Lucy Filippini became friends, and Rose began setting up schools around Italy. Despite opposition, including arson and assaults on some of her teachers, the order she founded was officially recognized as a congregation, 'The Venerini Sisters', after her death.



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**Dear Padre,**

**Why is the Church considering a word change to the Our Father? It seems fine as it is.**

Of the two versions of the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11:2–4 and Matthew 6:9–13, Luke's is more concise. The petition, "and lead us not into temptation" in Greek means both "do not allow us to enter into temptation" and "do not let us yield to temptation" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2846). The Catechism includes the explanation from James 1:13: "God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one," to certify that God "wants to set us free from evil. We ask him not to allow us to take the way that leads to sin." Consequently, Pope Francis reportedly approved the English wording, "do not let us fall into temptation" to replace "lead us not into temptation." "It is not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation," the Pope said in 2017. "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me into temptation to then see how I have fallen." On the contrary, "a father helps you to get up immediately," he added. "It's Satan who leads us into temptation—that's his department." However, unlike the change in the Italian Lord's Prayer that will appear in their third edition of The Roman Missal, no immediate plans have been made to change the wording in English-speaking countries.

-Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**



Let us not forget that the Our Father is the prayer of the poor. Our asking for bread expresses our entrustment to God for our basic needs in life. Everything that Jesus taught us in this prayer expresses and brings together the cry of all who suffer from life's uncertainties.

**SERVICE**

**\*\*\*SPECIAL NOTICE\*\*\*MONTH OF MAY\*\*\*  
ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry distribution will be suspended on May 14, 2021. The May 28th distribution is tentative at this time and will be decided later in the month. Please pray for Francisco Javar as he undergoes knee surgery on Oahu, accompanied by Debra. Normal distribution is every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, 9:00—10:00 am. Thank you for your understanding.

**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.