



# St. Benedict Catholic Church

May 16, 2021

## Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Up in Heaven



The Snyder's Triptych, Jan Boeckhorst, LACMA

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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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The message of this feast is that Jesus was taken up into heaven. Just what does this mean? Is heaven “up there” along with the moon and the stars? Cosmology would question that. Today’s readings also say that Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. Is this science, or is it a concrete image used to explain something more marvelous than words can describe? Traditionally the place of honor is at the dignitary’s right hand (decided by a right-hander, no doubt). That Jesus sits at God’s right hand means he enjoys the place of highest honor. The psalm response refers to this exalted place as the throne of God. “Throne” suggests king. Thus, the readings tell us that Jesus, who is now exalted with divine honor, is above everything else. Finally, to say that heaven is above means that it is beyond earth, perhaps not in actual distance but in distinction and glory. Thus, Jesus’ ascension means that the risen Lord is no longer limited by the restrictions of earth’s space and time but now enjoys the highest honor with God everywhere and always. This is the message the disciples were sent to preach. This is the message we also are sent to preach. But how are we to do it? By the way we live our lives. Emmanuel Célestin Cardinal Suhard of Paris (1874–1949) wrote: “To be a witness...means to live in such a way that one’s life would not make sense if God did not exist.” Do our lives show that we believe this? **Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA**

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☪ Thank God for people in your life who mirror God’s generosity, forgiveness, and kindness to you.

☪ Think about ways you might mirror God’s goodness to others.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading:** “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky?” **Acts 1:1-11**  
**Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. **47:2-3, 6-9**  
**Second Reading:** May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened ... **Eph 1:17-23**  
**Gospel:** “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel...” **Jn 16:15-20**

**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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## 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.

***The Sacraments are the salvation of those who use them rightly, and the damnation of those who misuse them.***

***- St. Augustine***

### 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>

### SAINT OF THE WEEK - Feast Day May 17

St. Paschal Baylon 1540-1592



Born to a Spanish shepherd family, Paschal was said to have taught himself to read while tending sheep. At age 21 he joined an austere group of Franciscans, devoting himself to prayer and charity. He was sent on a dangerous mission to French Francis-

cans, and a shoulder wound he received caused him pain for the rest of his life. Long hours of prayer on his knees before the Eucharist earned this lay brother the honor of being patron of Catholic Eucharistic congresses. His emblem in art is a monstrance.

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### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH 12/08/20 to 12/08/21

"Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than



by imitating his virtues? Now, what else did he do in all his life but contemplate, study, and adore Jesus, even in the midst of his daily labors? Behold, therefore, our model."

*—St. Madeleine Sophie Barat*

### **FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL**

**\*\* IF YOU FEEL SICK PLEASE STAY HOME! \*\***

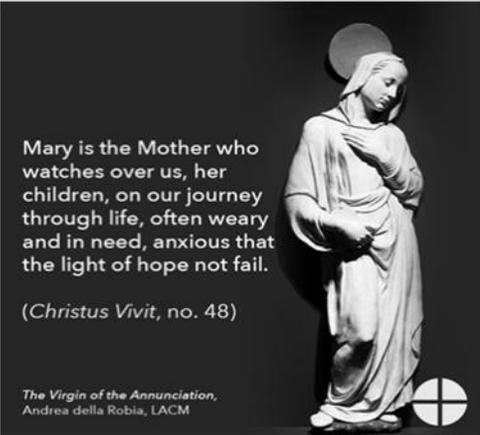
**WE MUST CONTINUE TO:**

- 1-WEAR MASK**
- 2-SOCIAL DISTANCE –SIX FEET**
- 3-SANITIZE OUR HANDS BEFORE ENTERING OUR HALL CHAPEL**
- 4-SANITIZE YOUR SEATING AREAS BEFORE**



PRAYER

MAY, THE MONTH TO HONOR MARY



Pray the Rosary Daily

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.



“My Jesus, if you uphold me, I shall not fall.”

- St. Philip Neri

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 17 Easter Weekday Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday MAY 18 Easter Weekday Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday MAY 19 Easter Weekday Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday MAY 20 Easter Weekday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday MAY 21 Easter Weekday Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

Saturday MAY 22 Easter Weekday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday MAY 23 Pentecost Sunday Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection.

-St. Gregory the Great-



*The Ascension  
of the Lord*  
Treasure Hunt

1. **T/F:** The Ascension of the Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation.
2. In our diocese, the celebration of the **S\_\_\_\_\_** of the Ascension is on May 16, 2021. What is the meaning of **this word** in our faith?
3. Name the **two (2) CREEDS** of the Catholic Church that affirm the Ascension of Jesus.
4. According to the *Acts of the Apostles*, **WHERE** did Jesus' Ascension take place?
5. Jesus told His disciples that His Ascension was necessary for the \_\_\_\_\_ to descend upon them.

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**

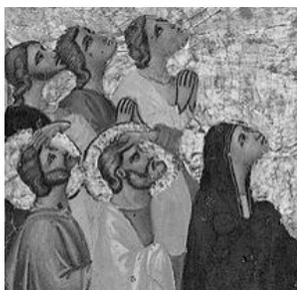
*May the Month of Mary*

1. Angel Gabriel;
2. Elizabeth (Mary's cousin);
3. Mary's appearance at Fatima;
4. Salve Regina;
5. Pope John Paul II in 2002.

**MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE**

Next one day **Zoom Enrichment: Languages of Love** that explores five different ways of expressing and receiving love. Register for this free event: (Jul 10, 9-2:30) and get the ZOOM link by emailing: [2lovenenjoy@gmail.com](mailto:2lovenenjoy@gmail.com) or call 808-268-1578 for more info.

The next **Marriage Encounter Experience** is September 19-21. To apply go to [www.hawaiiwwme.org](http://www.hawaiiwwme.org) or for more info call Tom & Sara Heath, 864-787-6797.



**The Ascension of Christ**

Pacino di Bonaguida  
circa 1340

*Dear Padre,*

**My neighbor, a fundamentalist Christian, said I won't be saved unless I accept Jesus as my personal savior. Didn't Jesus become my savior when I was baptized?**

Your neighbor is probably referring to John 3:7, when Jesus said, "You must be born anew" (Common English Bible). Jesus is talking about a spiritual rebirth; we must have a spiritual birth in order to be saved. As you noted, Catholics believe this happens at baptism. In John 3:5, Jesus says, "Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom." We are saved by the waters of baptism. But for Catholics, it's not merely a one-time event. We continue to accept or reject the salvation offered us by the decisions we make every day. Your neighbor used the words "personal savior." Catholic Christians go even deeper through the sacraments. We develop and nurture a very personal relationship with Jesus by regularly receiving the Eucharist. In the sacrament of reconciliation, we admit we have sinned and ask Jesus to forgive us. And in the sacrament of confirmation, our relationship is "sealed" with the gift of the Spirit. Many Catholics also celebrate the sacrament of marriage. The couple's personal relationship with Jesus is deepened through the love the couple shares. So, tell your neighbor you are indeed saved by Jesus. And because you are saved, you deepen that relationship with Jesus by living a sacramental life.

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**A WORD FROM Pope Francis**

The Ascension tells us that Jesus, although he ascended to heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance, and our joy, from the presence of Jesus among us with the strength of the Holy Spirit.

ASCENSION SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2020

SERVICE

**ST. BENEDICT FOOD PANTRY**

The Food Pantry distribution for May 28th is still 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.